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Sent: Mon 1/13/2014 1:50:18 PM Subject: WV update (monday morning)

First, my family and I are just fine. They left for the weekend to visit out daughter at college and did lanudary (ironic!) and fresh showers and all that. Meanwhile, Im looking more "Braveheart" all the time but we have plenty of fresh water stored up and everyone is a-okay. Its like camping, except you have flushable toilets!

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin hosted a press conference last night (Sunday) at the state capitol and was joined by officials from National Guard, WVDHHR, West Virginia American Water, WVDEP and Office of Emergency Servcies. (Freedom Industries no longer attends these pressers.)

Officials confirmed that a 1ppm mesurement or less had been recorded over a 24 hour period, setting the stage for moving next to the flushing stage. WVAM displayed a digital map of the affected area and explained their intent to roll out the flushing program by zones starting on Monday. The zones will be mapped at this site - http://www.amwater.com/wvaw/

Residents will be told to watch for their address to enter a "green zone" before beginning the flushing process.

WVAW said 10 labs around the state plus Ohio and Pittsburgh are currently testing samples. The Governor reiterated that a declared State of Emergency is still in place. WVAW said there are 16 sampling teams working, and over 100 smaples have been taken and tested.

The DEP said no fish kills have been reporterd and there has been no evidence of impact on fowl or other wildlife.

Schools in teh affected counties will remain closed Monday, as will most businesses, including restaurants, bars and hospitals are operating at reduced capacity.

The West Virginia Legislature, which began its annual 60-day session last week, will likely gavel in and gavel out on Monday, according to House Speaker Tim Miley, and send members back to their districts until the water issues are resolved.

Below are links to evening local clips:

Light at the end of the tunnel?

http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120043

Safe levels attained for 24 hours

http://www.statejournal.com/story/24428958/officials-testing-showing-positive-trends

State ignored plan for tougher chemical inspections

http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120021

Crisis exposes many problems

http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120021

Freedom Industries official had felonies, took stimulus money

http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120056

Lawyers seek to consolidate law suits

http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401120046

VIDEO: WV life during a water crisis http://www.charlestondailymail.com/News/201401110002

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